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SUBJECT: US-CHILE FORUM, FEBRUARY 28: BACKGROUND

1. THE FUND FOR NEW PRIORITIES AND A REGROUP OF US CONGRESSMEN LED BY SENATOR HAROLD HUGHES HAVE CONVOKED A ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON CHILE FOR FEB 28, AT A HEARING ROOM OF THE NEW SENATE OFFICE BUILDING. EVENT IS NOT RPT NOT A CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, CONTRARY TO THE IMPRESSION CREATED IN SOME MEDIA PLAY. SPONSORS DESCRIBE SESSION AS "ROUND-TABLE DIALOGUE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LEADING EXPERTS ON CHILE AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND EUROPE", ON THEME "CHILE, IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY." SIMILAR EVENT WAS

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HELD IN 1972 SEEKING TO GENERATE REAPPRAISAL OF U.S.

POLICY TOWARD CUBA. CHILE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN GESTATING SINCE EARLY 1973.

2. DRAFT AGENDA TOPICS INCLUDE PRESENT CHILEAN SITUATION; "EVOLUTION OF USG AND PRIVATE SECTOR POLICY TOWARD CHILE" UNDER FREI AND ALLENDE; AND FUTURE US POLICY TOWARD CHILE AND LATIN AMERICA "IN LIGHT OF TREND TOWARD MILITARY GOVTS AND NEW SENSE OF NATIONALISM IN HEMISPHERE - EMPHASIS ON AID, CREDIT AND INVESTMENT."

3. IN ADDITION SENATOR HUGHES, FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS ARE "CO-SPONSORING": SENATORS ABOUREZK, BIDEN, BROOKE, CHURCH,

INOUE, JAVITS, MUSKIE, KENNEDY, MONTOYA, MOSS, NELSON, ROTH, STEVENSON, PACKWOOD; AND CONGRESSMEN BRADEMAS, CHISHOLM, CONTE, CULVER, DELLUMS, FRASER, GUDE, LEGGETT, OBEY, RANGEL, STARK, REES, ROSENTHAL, UDALL, BIESTER, REID, PEPPER, ABZUG, WHALEN, HARRINGTON, YATES, DELLENBACK, SCHROEDER AND HOLTZMAN. DEPT ANTICIPATES ONLY A HANDFUL OF LEGISLATORS WILL BE PARTICIPATING AT ANY ONE TIME, OWING PRESS OF OTHER CONGRESSIONAL BUSINESS.

4. INFORMATION ON NON-CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION IS PARTIAL. REPORTED ACCEPTANCES INCLUDE: FORMER SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO CHILE HAROLD EDELSTAM; PROF RICHARD FAGEN, STANFORD; LAWRENCE BIRNS, NEW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL RESEARCH; KATHERINE CAMP, VP, WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM; ABRAHAM FEINGLASS, VP, AMALGAMATED MEATCUTTERS; PROF FRANK NEWMAN, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND UNIV CALIFORNIA; PROF PAUL SIGMUND, PRINCETON; PROF ROBERT STRASMA, WISCONSIN; WILLIAM WIPPLER, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES; RALPH DUNGAN, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHILE; SOL LINOWITZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO OAS; MILTON BARALL, FSO (RETIRED). ORGANIZERS HAVE ALSO INVITED SEVERAL CHILEAN EXILES.

5. INS HAS AUTHORIZED VISIT BY ALLENDE WIDOW TO WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 26, AT REQUEST OF CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON AND OTHER INTERESTED CONGRESSMEN. DEPT IS ALERT TO POSSIBILITY THAT MRS. ALLENDE MAY SEEK TO PROLONG STAY IN WASHINGTON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO COINCIDE WITH FEB 28 FORUM, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION YET THAT THIS IS CONTEMPLATED. MRS. ALLENDE'S VISIT TO UN ENVIRONS HAS THUS FAR RECEIVED SCANT NOTICE IN U.S. MEDIA.

6. EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF USG HAS DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE, AS HAS AMBASSADOR HEITMANN.

7. CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPT USE FOLLOWS:

QUESTION: "SENATOR HUGHES' OFFICE REPORTS THAT THE DEPT HAS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CHILE IN THE SENATE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE MEETING HAS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. WHY HAS THE DEPT DODGED THIS ONE?"

ANSWER: "WE UNDERSTAND THE CONFERENCE TO WHICH YOU REFER IS NOT AN OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL FUNCTION BUT RATHER AN OPEN FORUM AT ENDED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND FOREIGN NATIONALS REPRESENTING VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW. DEPT OFFICERS HAVE TESTIFIED AT LENGTH BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON CHILEAN MATTERS AND ARE PREPARED TO

DO SO AGAIN AS WELL AS TO CONSULT WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS WHO MAY SO DESIRE."

8. ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES. CASEY

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